

ATTACHMENT 5

ACCESS TO NUMBERS AND NUMBER PORTABILITY

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ACCESS TO NUMBERS AND NUMBER PORTABILITY

1. NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- 1.1 During the term of this Agreement, where <<customer_name>> is utilizing its own switch, <<customer_name>> shall contact the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, Neustar, for the assignment of numbering resources. In order to be assigned a Central Office Code, <<customer_name>> will be required to complete the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request and Confirmation Form (Code Request Form) in accordance with Industry Numbering Committee's Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (INC 95-0407-008).
- 1.2 Where BellSouth is providing local switching, <<customer_name>> may utilize BellSouth's telephone numbers. BellSouth will provide <<customer_name>> with on line access to telephone numbers on a first come first served basis. Assignment, reservation and use of telephone numbers shall be governed by applicable FCC rules and regulations.
- 1.3 <<customer_name>> acknowledges that there may be instances where there is a shortage of telephone numbers in a particular Common Language Location Identifier Code (CLLIC); and in such instances, <<customer_name>> shall return numbers to BellSouth upon BellSouth's request. BellSouth shall make all such requests on a nondiscriminatory basis.

2. NUMBER PORTABILITY PERMANENT SOLUTION

- 2.1 The Parties will offer local number portability in accordance with rules, regulations and guidelines adopted by the Commission, the FCC and industry fora. Interim Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) will be available only in those end offices where no carrier has requested implementation of permanent local number portability (PNP). Once PNP is implemented in an end office pursuant to the request of a carrier, both Parties must withdraw their SPNP offerings. The transition from existing SPNP arrangements to PNP shall occur within ninety (90) days from the date PNP is implemented in the end office. Neither Party shall charge the other Party for conversion from SPNP to PNP.
- 2.2 End User Line Charge. Where <<customer_name>> subscribes to BellSouth's local switching, BellSouth shall bill and <<customer_name>> shall pay the end user line charge associated with implementing PNP as set forth in BellSouth's FCC Tariff No. 1. This charge is not subject to the resale discount set forth in Attachment 1 of this Agreement.

- 2.3 To limit service outage, BellSouth and <<customer_name>> will adhere to the process flows and cutover guidelines for porting numbers as outlined in the LNP Reference Guide, as amended from time to time. The LNP Reference Guide, incorporated herein by reference, is accessible via the Internet at the following site: <http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com>. All intervals referenced in the LNP Reference Guide shall apply to both BellSouth and <<customer_name>>.
- 2.4 The Parties will set Local Routing Number (LRN) unconditional or 10-digit triggers where applicable. Where triggers are set, the porting Party will remove the ported number at the same time the trigger is removed.
- 2.5 A trigger order is a service order issued in advance of the porting of a number. A trigger order 1) initiates call queries to the AIN SS7 network in advance of the number being ported; and 2) provides for the new service provider to be in control of when a number ports.
- 2.6 Where triggers are not set, the Parties shall coordinate the porting of the number between service providers so as to minimize service interruptions to the end user.
- 2.7 BellSouth and <<customer_name>> will work cooperatively to implement changes to PNP process flows ordered by the FCC or as recommended by standard industry forums addressing PNP.

3. SERVICE PROVIDER NUMBER PORTABILITY

- 3.1 Where PNP has not been implemented in an end office, the Parties shall provide SPNP. SPNP is a service arrangement whereby an end user who switches subscription of his local exchange service from BellSouth to a CLEC, or vice versa, is permitted to retain the use of his existing assigned telephone number, provided that the end user remains at the same location for his local exchange service or changes locations and service providers but stays within the same BellSouth local calling area of his existing number. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, SPNP is available only where the local exchange carrier is currently providing basic local exchange service to the end user. SPNP for a particular assigned telephone number will be disconnected when any end user, Commission, BellSouth, or CLEC initiated activity (e.g., a change in exchange boundaries) would normally result in a telephone number change had the end user retained his initial local exchange service.
- 3.2 Methods of Providing SPNP. SPNP is available through either remote call forwarding, direct inward dialing trunks, or route-indexing, portability hub. Remote call forwarding (SPNP-RCF) is an existing switch-based service that redirects calls within the telephone network. Direct inward dialing trunks (SPNP-DID) allow calls to be routed over a dedicated facility to the switch that serves the

subscriber. Route-Indexing, Portability Hub (RI-PH) will route a dialed call to the BellSouth switch associated with the NXX of the dialed number.

3.3 Signaling Requirements. SS7 Signaling is required for the provision of SPNP services.

3.4 Rates

3.4.1 Rates for SPNP are set out in Exhibit B to Attachment 2, incorporated herein by this reference. If no rate is identified in the Attachment, the rate for the specific service or function will be as set forth in applicable BellSouth tariff or as negotiated by the Parties upon request by either Party.

4. SPNP IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 SPNP-RCF is a telecommunications service whereby a call dialed to an SPNP-RCF equipped telephone number is automatically forwarded to an assigned seven- or ten- digit telephone number within the local calling area as defined in BellSouth's General Subscriber Services Tariff. The forwarded-to number shall be specified by <<customer_name>> or BellSouth, as appropriate. The forwarding Party will provide identification of the originating telephone number, via SS7 signaling, to the receiving Party. Identification of the originating telephone number to the SPNP-RCF end user cannot be guaranteed, however. SPNP-RCF provides a single call path for the forwarding of no more than one call to the receiving Party's specified forwarded-to number. Additional call paths for the forwarding of multiple simultaneous calls are available on a per path basis at rates as outlined in Exhibit B of Attachment 2.

4.2 SPNP-DID service provides trunk side access to end office switches for direct inward dialing to the other Party's premises equipment from the telecommunications network to lines associated with the other Party's switching equipment and must be provided on all trunks in a group arranged for inward service. SPNP-DID is available from BellSouth on a per DS0, DS1 or DS3 basis. A SPNP-DID trunk termination charge, provided with SS7 Signaling only, applies for each trunk voice grade equivalent. In addition, direct facilities are required from the end office where a ported number resides to the end office serving the ported end user customer. The rates for a switched local channel and switched dedicated transport apply as contained in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services tariff, as amended from time to time. Transport mileage will be calculated as the airline distance between the end office where the number is ported and the Point of Interface ("POI") using the V&H coordinate method. SPNP-DID must be established with a minimum configuration of two channels and one unassigned telephone number per switch, per arrangement for control purposes. Transport facilities arranged for SPNP-DID may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group, with no outgoing calls placed over said facilities.

SPNP-DID will be provided only where such facilities are available and where the switching equipment of the ordering Party is properly equipped. Where SPNP-DID service is required from more than one wire center or from separate trunk groups within the same wire center, such service provided from each wire center or each trunk group within the same wire center shall be considered a separate service. Only customer-dialed sent-paid calls will be completed to the first number of a SPNP-DID number group; however, there are no restrictions on calls completed to other numbers of a SPNP-DID number group. Sent-paid calls refer to those calls placed by an end user who physically deposits currency in a public telephone. Interface group arrangements provided for terminating the switched transport at the Party's terminal location are as set forth in of BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff, § E6.1.3.A as amended from time to time.

- 4.3 SPNP-DID Service requires ordering consecutive telephone numbers in blocks of twenty. <<customer_name>> may order non-consecutive telephone numbers or telephone numbers in less than blocks of twenty pursuant to BellSouth's tariffs.
- 4.4 BellSouth shall provide RI-PH on an individual telephone number basis. BellSouth's switch shall insert a prefix onto the dialed number that identifies how the call is to be routed to <<customer name>>. The prefixed dialed number is then transmitted to the BellSouth tandem switch and the dialed number is routed to <<customer name>>'s switch so that the routing of the call can be completed by <<customer name>>. Should BellSouth determine a more efficient manner of performing this function, it may proceed in that manner. RI-PH may use, where technically feasible, the same trunks as those used for exchange of other local traffic with BellSouth. The trunks shall employ SS7 signalling.
- 4.5 The calling Party shall be responsible for payment of the applicable charges for sent-paid calls to the SPNP number. For collect, third-party, or other operator-assisted non-sent paid calls to the ported telephone number, BellSouth or <<customer_name>> shall be responsible for the payment of charges under the same terms and conditions for which the end user would have been liable for those charges. Either Party may request that the other block collect and third party non-sent paid calls to the SPNP-assigned telephone number. If a Party does not request blocking, the other Party will provide itemized local usage detail for the billing of non-sent paid calls on the monthly bill of usage charges provided at the individual end user account level. The detail will include itemization of all billable usage. Each Party shall have the option of receiving this usage data on a daily basis via a data file transfer arrangement. This arrangement will utilize the existing industry uniform standard, known as EMI standards, for exchange of billing data. Files of usage data will be created daily for the optional service. Usage originated and recorded in the sending BellSouth RAO will be provided in unrated or rated format, depending on processing system. <<customer_name>> usage originated elsewhere and delivered via CMDS to the sending BellSouth RAO shall be provided in rated format.

- 4.6 The new service provider shall be responsible for obtaining authorization from the end user for the handling of the disconnection of the end user's service, the provision of new local service and the provision of SPNP services. Each Party shall be responsible for coordinating the provision of service with the other to assure that its switch is capable of accepting SPNP ported traffic. Each Party shall be solely responsible to ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment, or service of the other Party or any of its end users. In the event that either Party determines in its reasonable judgment that the other Party will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service or any of its end users, that Party may either refuse to provide SPNP service or may terminate SPNP service to the other Party after providing appropriate notice.
- 4.7 Each Party shall be responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to SPNP-DID services for which it is not presently providing local exchange service or terminating to an end user. Where either Party chooses to disconnect or terminate any SPNP service, that Party shall be responsible for designating the preferred standard type of announcement to be provided.
- 4.8 End-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over SPNP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service. Neither Party shall specify end-to-end transmission characteristics for SPNP calls.
- 4.9 Where SPNP-RCF is utilized for SPNP, for terminating IXC traffic ported to either Party which requires use of either Party's tandem switching, the tandem provider will bill the IXC tandem switching, the interconnection charge, and a portion of the transport, and the other Party will bill the IXC local switching, the carrier common line and a portion of the transport. If the tandem provider is unable to provide the necessary access records to permit the other Party to bill the IXC directly for terminating access to ported numbers, then the tandem provider will bill the IXC full terminating switched access charges at the tandem provider's rate and will compensate the other Party at the tandem Party's tariff rates via a process used by BellSouth to estimate the amount of ported switched access revenues due the other Party. If an intraLATA toll call is delivered, the delivering Party will pay terminating access rates to the other Party.

5. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM (OSS) RATES

- 5.1 The terms, conditions and rates for OSS are as set forth in Attachment 2.